

## **Public Meeting**

August 26, 2008  
12:00 Noon  
Minutes

### **Gender Road Improvements Phase I**

Introductions: Mayor Ebert called the public meeting to order. In attendance was Matt Peoples (Public Works), Ed Snyder (Streets), Steve Farst (Village Engineer w/ EMH&T), Ben Amick (EMH&T), Nanisa Osborn (Finance Director), Leah Turner (Council member) and Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry (Council member).

#### Opening Comments and Project Overview:

This is regarding the proposed improvements of the Gender Road / Winchester Blvd intersection.

Mr. Farst stated that we are here to get public comment on the proposed improvements to the Gender Rd. / Winchester Rd intersection. This is only Phase I of the improvements. Many exhibits (maps and photos) were available to residents in attendance.

Approximately 34,000 vehicles a day travel over that intersection. Projected number of cars in the next 22 years goes to 52,000 vehicles a day.

From January 2005 to mid-July 2008 there were 140 accidents, with 16 being injury accidents at this intersection.

Short term improvement: Work with the timing of signals and work with what we have.

Near term improvement: Seeks to improve the queue line of vehicles wanting to turn onto SB Gender from EB Winchester Blvd. This would include adding a second turn lane. That would require lanes shifting to the west, laying more pavement to maintain 2

straight lanes and resurfacing existing pavement. It would also take this opportunity to look at improvements along 600' of Winchester Blvd between Prentiss School Dr and the service road to O'Charley's.

Long term improvements: Focus more on dealing the future traffic congestion. It would look at adding a third turn SB through lane on Gender and a second SB left turn lane, adding second EB through lane on Winchester Blvd., adding a second NB turn lane on WB Winchester Blvd. and finally adding an EB right turn lane on NB Gender. This would require signal improvements, re-striping and re-surfacing of Gender Rd. and moving of the bike path.

Projected Project Cost (based on 2010 construction):

Near-term improvement would be \$1.6 million and the long-term improvement would be \$2.6 million.

An application is being put together for the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for a grant to off-set these costs. If granted, construction could begin around the end of March 2010.

Ben Amick stated that the public can provide letters of support that will help with the possibility of receiving the grant. Packets showing an example letter are available at the municipal building and must be turned in by September 8th.

Comments from the Public:

Mrs. Turner asked why it needs to be done in phases. Why can't it all be done at once? Mr. Farst stated that it is an option; however the goal was to provide a solution that could be completed more quickly, was more economical and less complex at the start.

Discussion ensued regarding the exhibits.

Closing:

Mayor Ebert believes that this intersection is in need of improvements and this is a step in the right direction. Mayor Ebert closed the meeting.